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Attention: Maintenance Fee Division

Re: US Patent 6,809,429

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**CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE
ELECTRIC HYBRID VEHICLES**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to advise you that The Regents of the University of California, Assignee of the above reference US Patent, is no longer entitled to claim small entity status.

The 8 year US maintenance fee was paid on April 26, 2012 at a small entity rate in the amount of \$1,425.00

The deficiency amount owed is \$1,575.00. This amount includes the difference of \$1,425.00 to correct the fee due for large entity status and the surcharge late payment fee for \$150.00.

Please charge the deficiency amount owed in the sum of \$1,575.00 to our **deposit account number 21-0649**.

If further authorization is needed, please contact me at (510) 587-6000.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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